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ability, which I contend is significant, of our people to understand this issue so we can make progress into the future. The Governor indicated that he would...the study, I am not going to try and quote him, but the study was all right. It was the moratorium. Many of you suggested that the study might be a good idea. It was the moratorium that bothered you, and today it is your day because that's where we are. I, in fact, intend to pull this motion to override on LB 76, but I would ask you to join the senior member and myself in thinking thoughtfully about the possibility of overriding the veto of the 76A, which is the study, so that we can continue to go on about the business of trying to gather the information necessary to make a thoughtful...have a thoughtful discussion with you about whether or not we are doing that which is just and in accordance with the law here. Again, I thank you all for all of your hard work and for your effort and your thought and your participation with regard to this difficult issue. Mr. President, I'd ask to withdraw the motion. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The motion is withdrawn. (Visitors introduced.) Mr. Clerk, next item.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senators Chambers and Brashear would move that LB 76A become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on the motion to override LB 76A.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this motion will not be withdrawn. As Senator Brashear pointed out, it is the money that would fund the study. The amount involved is \$160,000, hardly a budget buster. The study would begin when the session concludes, which would be around August, the latter part, so that would be 4 months of 1999, 12 months of the year 2000. Then, by January 1st, all of that is to have been completed--the study and the analysis. Obviously, I was displeased by the Governor's vetoes. My war, if such it is, is with the Governor, not with my colleagues here. That includes those who voted against both bills. Even when the A bill was funding LB 76, which carried the moratorium also, there were 33 votes for the A bill. I'm not going to refight the moratorium